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CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

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Building Better Outcomes





From Security to Stewardship

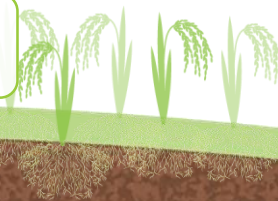
- CSP has evolved since its beginnings in 2002
- More than 70 million acres enrolled since 2010
- FY17 ushers in a new era of CSP
 - Emphasis on Stewardship - “additionality”
 - More transparent
 - Flexibility





What's changing with CSP?

- Better screening and ranking tools that are more transparent, logical and streamlined
- Emphasis on conservation planning up-front
- Clarified enhancements tied to conservation practice standards
- Integration with state and local priority resource concerns
- Consistency in payments
- Building Better Outcomes

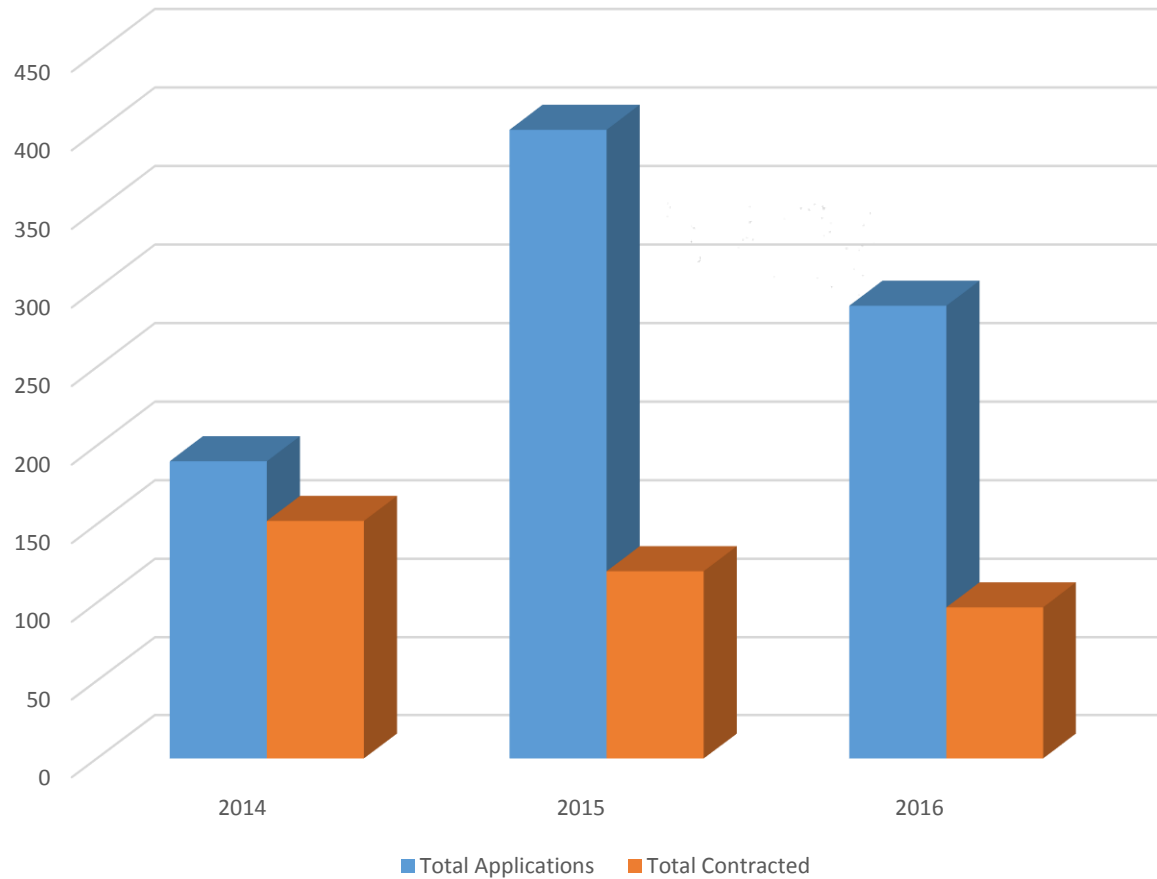




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CSP in Oregon

CSP Applications vs Contracts





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CSP Funding Pools

TARGETED RESOURCE CONCERNS:

ZONE 1

Soil Quality Degradation
Insufficient Water
Water Quality
Degradation
Degraded Plant Condition
Fish and Wildlife,
Inadequate Habitat

ZONE 4

Soil Quality Degradation
Insufficient Water
Water Quality
Degradation
Degraded Plant Condition
Fish and Wildlife –
Inadequate Habitat

ZONE 2

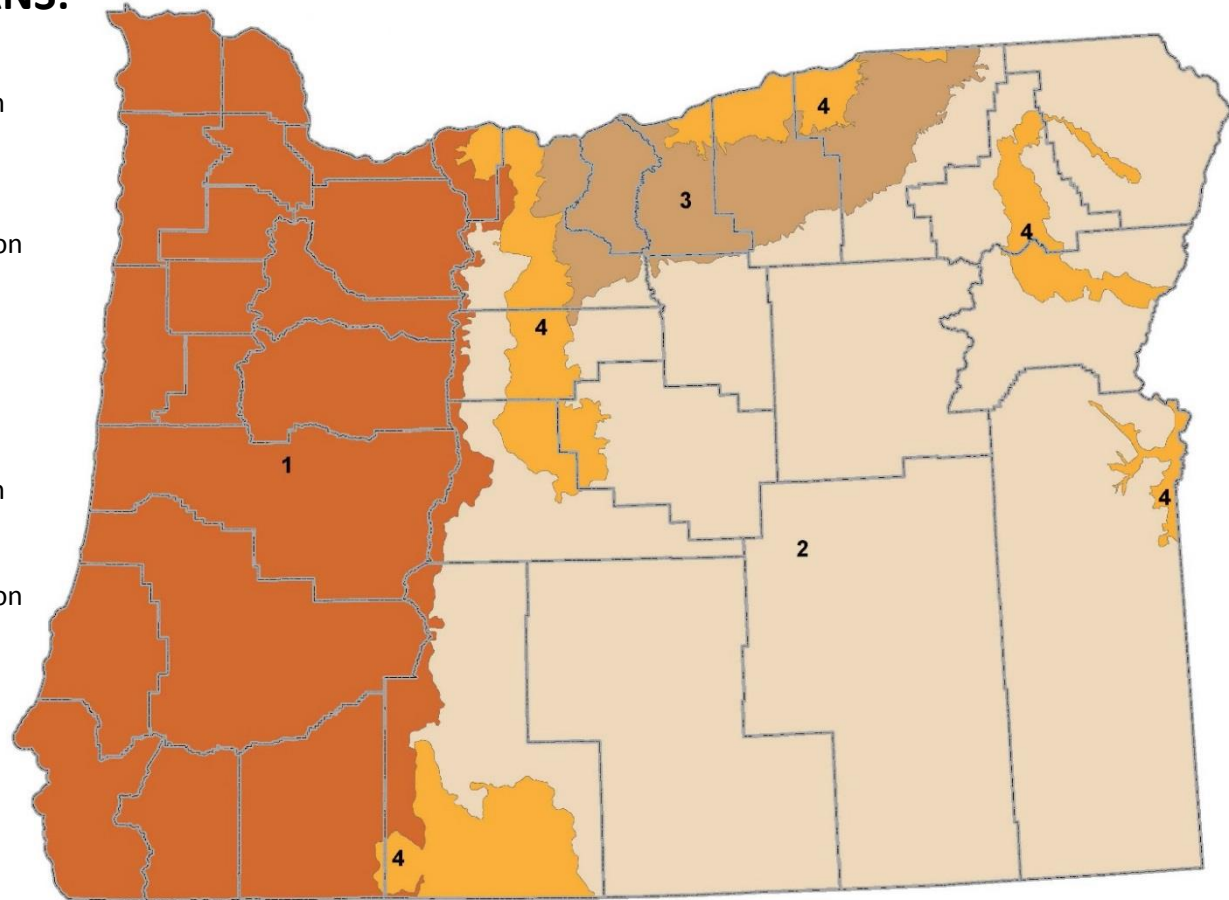
Soil Quality Degradation
Water Quality
Degradation
Degraded Plant Condition
Fish and Wildlife –
Inadequate Habitat
Livestock Production
Limitation

ZONE 5 (Forestry, Statewide)

Soil Erosion
Soil Quality Degradation
Water Quality
Degradation
Degraded Plant Condition
Fish and Wildlife –
Inadequate Habitat

ZONE 3

Soil Erosion
Soil Quality Degradation
Water Quality
Degradation
Air Quality Impacts
Degraded Plant Condition



FY17



CSP Payments

- Consistency in payments
- No more “performance points”
- Easier for producer to calculate payments up-front
- Baseline payments incentivize existing conservation work; enhancements use payment schedule
- Minimum annual payment of \$1,500





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CSP Baseline Payments

$$(A \times B) + (C \times D) = \text{Baseline Annual Payment}$$

A = # of resource concerns met at time of application

B = Standard Rate **(\$350)**

C = Acres in the land use

D = Standard rate for each use

Cropland: \$7.50/ac.

Range: \$1/ac.

Pasture: \$3/ac.

Forest: \$0.50/ac.





Example

- Joe meets 2 resource concerns at the time of application
- He has 200 acres of cropland

$$(2 \times \$350) + (200 \text{ ac.} \times \$7.50) = \$2,200 \text{ annual base}$$





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Coordination with Other NRCS Programs

**Connect
with
conservation
planning and
CTA**

**Better
incorporate
practice
standards
and quality
criteria**

**Improve
coordination
with
practices
and EQIP**

**Integrate
with other
NRCS field
business
tools**



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The Next Steps for a Successful Program

Providing greater
flexibility

Responding to customer
and partner feedback

Advancing precision
conservation

Demonstrating
outcomes better



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For additional information:

Partners and stakeholders who are interested in providing input can do so through the State Technical Committee meetings as well as the Local Working Group meetings.

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